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Application of Shenheng Guan, et al.

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For APPARATUS FOR SCREENING CATALYSTS IN A PARALLEL FIXED-BED REACTOR

Examiner Dwayne K. Handy

October 7, 2004

STATUS INQUIRY

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In the response dated May 22, 2003 to the Status Inquiry filed by applicants on May 19, 2003, the Patent and Trademark Office advised applicants that it would be more than fifteen (15) before the above-identified application would receive a first Office action.

In light of the fact that more than fifteen months have now passed since the above-noted response and more than thirty-one (31) months have passed since the filing of this application on February 8, 2002 without correspondence from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application, please advise the undersigned of the current estimate as to when a first Office action might be expected.

Applicants note that a Petition to make this application special was granted by the Patent and Trademark Office on July 23, 2003. A copy of the Decision granting the Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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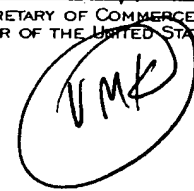
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DECISION ON
PETITION UNDER
M.P.E.P. 708.02, II

This is in response to the petition filed, February 08, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02, II of the M.P.E.P. and 37 CFR 1.102(d) (fee paid).

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

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